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## **AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment A responds to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2005.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including April 26, 2006, is respectfully submitted. The requisite fee accompanies this request.